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Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board  
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ATTN: Bob Simpson  
Chairman

## **Re: Application for an Exception to the Gwich'in Land Use Plan**

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (Imperial), on behalf of the Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal Pipeline Limited Partnership, ConocoPhillips Canada (North) Limited, Shell Canada Limited and ExxonMobil Canada Properties, encloses seven copies of an application for an exception to the Nahn' Geenjit Gwitr'it T'igwaa'in - Working for the Land (Gwich'in Land Use Plan) (2003).

This application is made pursuant to sections 41 (3) (d) and 44 (b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* in support of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. The purpose of the Mackenzie Gas Project is to develop three onshore gas fields in the Mackenzie Delta and to transport natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL) by pipeline to market. Within the Gwich'in Settlement Area, the Mackenzie Gas Project will include:

- a new pipeline corridor extending from the Inuvialuit Settlement Region through the Gwich'in Settlement Area to the boundary with the Sahtu Settlement Area
- a gas processing and NGL separation facility near Inuvik
- borrow sites and infrastructure to support the construction activities

This exception application, once approved, would permit certain activities associated with the Mackenzie Gas Project in Travaillant Lake, Mackenzie/Tree River Conservation Zone and the Transportation Special Management Zone -- Dempster Highway within the Gwich'in Settlement Area.

In particular, the exception is required to permit:

- development of about 3.4 km of winter access road to five sources of water
- withdrawal of water from those five sources of water for use in construction of the Mackenzie Gas Project
- the visibility from the Dempster Highway of the Campbell Lake Infrastructure Site and two borrow sites in the Transportation Special Management Zone - Dempster Highway: Mackenzie River to Inuvik.

Concurrent with the filing of this application, Imperial is submitting additional applications relating to the Mackenzie Gas Project within the Gwich'in Settlement Area, including:

- Type A Land Use Permit Application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board for activities to be conducted on Crown Lands
- Type A Water Licence Application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board for withdrawal of water, use of water and deposit of treated wastewater in the Gwich'in Settlement Area
- Type A Land Use Permit Application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board for activities to be conducted on Gwich'in Private Lands
- Application to the Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board to amend the Nàhn' Geenjit Gwitrit T'igwaa'in - Working for the Land (Gwich'in Land Use Plan) (2003) to permit the development of a borrow site in the Travaillant Lake, Mackenzie/Tree River Conservation Zone

Please direct any questions relating to this application to J. R. Hawkins at (403) 237-2806, facsimile (403) 237-2208.

Sincerely,

**Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited**



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cc: Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board w/o attachment  
Gwich'in Tribal Council w/o attachment  
Northern Gas Project Secretariat w/o attachment